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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE

REF: RIO 2638

1. STATE AND COMMERCE PLAN TO HOLD COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE IN RIO BUT PROPOSE CHANGE DATES OF CONFERENCE TO SEPTEMBER 17-19, REPEAT 17-19. (SECOND L.A. COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD IN SAN JUAN FROM SEPTEMBER 24-26 FOR OFFICERS FROM CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN REGION.) CHANGE IN DATES NECESSITATED BY SCHEDULING OF WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON EXPORT EXPANSION ON SEPTEMBER 13, WHICH WILL REQUIRE PRESENCE HERE OF SENIOR MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON CONTINGENT.

2. PROPOSED CONFERENCE IN RIO WOULD BE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 28 PARTICIPANTS FROM POSTS IN LATIN AMERICA OTHER THAN RIO AND APPROXIMATELY 15 FROM STATE AND COMMERCE. FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON CONTINGENT PLANS TO

VISIT SAO PAULO AIR SHOW ON EITHER SEPTEMBER 20 OR 21.

3. REQUESTS FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT WOULD PRINCIPALLY INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

A. HOTELS. NOT YET POSSIBLE TO ADVISE CONGEN OF PRECISE REQUIREMENTS BUT WITH FIGURES CITED IN PARA 2 CONGEN

MAY BE ABLE WITHOUT INCURRING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO INQUIRE ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE HOTEL SPACE. PRESUMABLY, MAJORITY OF LATIN AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS WOULD STAY IN MODERATED-PRICED ACCOMMODATIONS (SUCH AS GLORIA). OF WASHINGTON CONTINGENT, AS MANY AS SEVEN MAY WISH TO STAY IN COPACABANA PALACE WHILE ADDITIONAL THREE HAVE EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR OURO VERDI. ACCOMMODATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED FROM SEPTEMBER 15 OR 16.

B. TRANSPORTATION. WE WOULD HOPE THAT CONGEN WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE CARS AVAILABLE FOR USE BY TWO CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN.

C. CONFERENCE ROOM. REQUEST THAT CONGEN MAKE AVAILABLE ITS CONFERENCE ROOM FOR ENTIRE PERIOD OF CONFERENCE.

D. SECRETARIAL SUPPORT. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE SERVICES OF ONE AMERICAN SECRETARY TO TRANSCRIBE NOTES.

4. STATE AND COMMERCE EXPLORING QUESTION OF FSL PARTICIPATION. WHILE BOTH AGENCIES CONVINCED OF DESIRABILITY OF FSL ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE, LIMITATION ON TRAVEL FUNDS MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT PARTICIPATION WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR FSLs ASSIGNED TO POSTS OTHER THAN RIO UNLESS POSTS THEMSELVES IN POSITION TO DEFRAY COSTS.

5. WE ASK CONGEN TO ADVISE US SOONEST WHETHER PROPOSED CONFERENCE DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE AND WHETHER IT PERCEIVES ANY PROBLEMS IN MEETING LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS. IF CONGEN FORESEES NO DIFFICULTY WITH SUGGESTED DATES WE WILL SEND TELEGRAM TO POSTS CONCERNED AND REQUEST THEY INFORM RIO AND WASHINGTON OF OFFICERS THEY WILL BE SENDING TO

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CONFERENCE. FROM THEIR RESPONSES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO COMPILE PRECISE REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS.  
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